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REMARKS

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1. On 16 May 1951, the MGB troops stationed in the court building in Cottbus (N 52/A 57) wore black-bordered ruby epaulets instead of the green epaulets previously worn by them. (1)
2. At the beginning of May, the MGB unit in Georgengarten, Dessau (M 52/E 17), had 60 to 80 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets. They were definitely identified as being the same officers and men who had previously worn green epaulets. (2)
3. In mid-May, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden (N 52/F 29) still quartered 800 to 1,000 MGB troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was heavy traffic of officers, men, and vehicles. Motor vehicles seen included van-like truck [redacted] sedan [redacted] occupied by officers; trucks [redacted] sedans [redacted] occupied by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets; and [redacted] driven by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. (3) 25X1B 25X1B 25X1 25X1B
4. The residential quarter on Strasse der Einheit in Erfurt (M 51/J 36) was blocked to civilian traffic at the northern corner of Bergstromweg, because MGB officers were billeted there. The other section of the restricted area billeted dependents of officers of the SCC headquarters which was recently transferred from Weimar to Erfurt.
5. In mid-May, the Reil Kaserne in Halle quartered 300 to 400 MGB troops with black-bordered red epaulets. The troops were definitely the same as those who had previously worn red-bordered green epaulets. Some of the officers of the unit apparently lived in the residential quarter on Rosa Luxemburg Platz. However, due to the change in service color, it could not be definitely determined to which organization the officers belonged. The MGB office on Luisenstrasse and the MGB unit in the Reil Kaserne were affiliated. Motor vehicles seen in barracks traffic included sedans [redacted] trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] used by the commanding officer. (4) 25X1B 25X1B 25X1B

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6. The MGB soldiers of the office on Margaretenstrasse in Halle (M 52/D 92) wore black-bordered red epaulets instead of the red-bordered green epaulets previously worn by them. Soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets were no longer seen on 28 April. An assembly of motor vehicles [redacted] was observed at the office on 28 April.

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- [redacted] Comments.
- (1) In January 1951, the court building in Cottbus quartered about 100 MGB troops who, [redacted] belonged to the MGB [redacted] Kaserne, Dresden. 25X1
 - (2) The information confirms the MGB company which belongs to the MGB Unit in the Reil Kaserne, Halle.
 - (3) The information confirms the occupation of the Bucher Kaserne until May 1951. [redacted]. The motor vehicles listed in the present report belong to the unit there, except for vehicles [redacted] which belong to MGB units in Guestron and Berlin-Biesdorf. 25X1A
 - (4) [redacted] the Reil Kaserne still quarters the MGB unit which has been confirmed there for a long time. [redacted]. The MGB office on Luisenstrasse, mentioned in the present report, is the Operational MGB Sector.

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